1100, the P. W. D. for the first time took up the work and improved the first mile of the road.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI ((*Neyyattinkara*) : Was it in 1105 ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : No, it was in 1100.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : May I know, whether at any time, between 1100 and 1106 the work was kept under suspension?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice in respect of that question.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : With regard to the embankment referred to in part (*a*), may I know from the member when the formation of the embankment was proceeded with ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : I have no information. The road is complete except the embankment.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : Has the member any idea as to when the work will be completed ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Probably, it is over by this time.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : Is the Member in possession of any report about it ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : The estimate from the Chief Engineer was sanctioned for completing the remaining portion of the work. As far as I can gather the work might have been finished by this time.

Economic survey of the State.

35. **MR. JOSEPH KUNJU** (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether an economic survey was conducted along with the Census this year (1106) ;

(*b*) if so, how and by what means the same was conducted ;

(*c*) whether they will lay on the table a statement showing the instructions issued by the Census Commissioner to the officers appointed for this purpose ; and

(*d*) whether anybody has examined if the officers concerned have done their duty in accordance with those instructions ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Some information about the economic condition of the people was collected along with the Census in 1106.

(*b*) A special schedule was prepared for the purpose. The enumerators appointed for the preliminary enumeration were supplied with the necessary copies of this schedule and they were required to fill them up directly by questioning the persons concerned.

(*c*) The instructions for filling up the different columns of the schedules were printed in the *Census Code*, Part I, Chapter IX.

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Section 2. They were printed in Malayalam on the wrapper of the enumeration book and, for easy reference, they were also included in the instructions separately printed and distributed to all Census Officers. Copies of the instructions, supplementary instructions and circulars issued on the subject are available for perusal in the office of the Secretary to the Legislative Council.

(*d*) One supervisor was appointed for every five enumerators. The supervisors checked 50 per cent. of the entries made by the enumerators. There were also one Assistant Charge Superintendent and one Charge Superintendent for each taluk and they checked not less than 10 per cent. of the entries in the schedules. The specimen schedules prepared by the enumerators and checked by the supervisors and the Charge Superintendents were subjected to careful scrutiny in the Census Office and were returned to the Charge Superintendents for the guidance of all concerned. During his tours, the Census Commissioner also inspected the work done in most of the charges.

Measures for the improvement of cocoanut industry in the State.

36. **MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have adopted any measures or planned out any schemes to start new enterprise in cocoanut industry?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the negative.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): May I know from the member whether the Government propose to start any new enterprise in cocoanut industry?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): At present Government have no idea.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): Is the member aware that the cocoanut industry is one of the most important industries in the State?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Government, as everybody else, are aware of that.

Opening of a road connecting the Alleppey harbour with Kottayam or Changanachery.

37. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have considered the question of opening a road either from Kottayam or from Changanachery to the Alleppey harbour; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken by them in the matter?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The question is one which involves a heavy outlay and has not yet been fully considered.

(*b*) This does not arise, in view of the answer to part (*a*).

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